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**MEETING SUMMARY**  
**ALASKA CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION ADVISORY GROUP**  
**Forestry, Agriculture, and Waste Management Technical Work Group**  
**(FAW TWG)**

Call #4, August 27, 2008, 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

**Attendance:**

1. Technical Working Group members:  
Doug Buteyn, Charles Knight, Donna Mears, Rick Rogers, Chris Maisch, Ron Wolfe
2. Center for Climate Strategies (CCS) staff:  
Steve Roe (steve.roe@pechan.com), Brad Strobe (brad.strobe@pechan.com)
3. Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation Observers: None.
4. Public Attendees:

**Background documents:**

(all posted at [http://www.akclimatechange.us/Agriculture Forestry Waste.cfm](http://www.akclimatechange.us/Agriculture_Forestry_Waste.cfm))

1. Summary of Conference Call #3
2. Meeting Notice and Agenda
3. PowerPoint for Teleconference.
4. FAW Balloting Results

**Discussion items and key issues:**

This was the fourth conference call of the FAW TWG.

1. Steve Roe called the meeting to order, completed the roll call and reviewed the agenda and plans for the call.
2. CCS reviewed the summary from Call #3 and asked if the TWG had any further input that should be included in the call summary. Hearing none, the summary will be considered final.
3. CCS gave an overview of the process and identified the TWG's current location on the 10-step Stepwise Planning Process.

4. CCS provided an overview of the goals for the next CCMAG meeting, which takes place on September 22. The advisory group will be approving the list of priority actions for further analysis.
5. CCS discussed the next steps for the TWG. The TWG will review the results of the balloting process and finalize the priorities that will be presented to the CCMAG. After the third CCMAG meeting, the TWG will begin developing straw proposals.
6. CCS reviewed the balloting results and the methodology for tabulating the results. CCS provided an opportunity for TWG members to comment on the priorities and the option names. A summary of the discussion on these results are listed below:
  - a. *FAW-1: Advanced Waste Reduction and Recycling.* The TWG approved the combination of the recycling and source reduction options. A member proposed that this option should include some mention of waste and/or landfill gas utilization. It was noted that there are not enough large landfills that produce sufficient landfill gas to economically utilize landfill gas. TWG members noted, however, that landfill gas generation is a concern in municipalities other than Anchorage.
  - b. *FAW-2: Forest Management Strategies for Carbon Sequestration.* It was noted that the catalog item FAW 2.5 was intended to focus on sequestration loss due to fire. The TWG requested that catalog item FAW 2.3 be re-worded. CCS and the TWG worked out the following name: “Afforestation of non-forested lands and reforestation of poorly-stocked lands.”
  - c. *FAW-3: Expanded Use of Biomass Feedstocks for Electricity, Heat, or Steam Production.* While a member suggested that 4.1 (agriculture feedstocks) be combined with 1.1 and 9.1, CCS asked the group whether agriculture feedstocks are sufficient to include this catalog item in the proposed priority. FAW-4.1 will be left in for the time being while a TWG member contacts the NRCS on this issue. Other comments included the inclusion of FAW-3.1 and 3.2 in this priority. CCS noted that this option is open to as many feedstocks as the TWG can provide information on. These catalog items will be included in the consolidated high priority option, FAW-3.
  - d. *FAW-4: Expanded Use of New, Used, & Recycled Wood Products for Building Materials.* This option received support from the TWG.
  - e. *FAW-5: In-State Liquid Biofuels Production.* As with FAW-3, the TWG supported the retention of agriculture feedstocks (FAW-4.2).
7. CCS used the remaining time on the call to allow a detailed discussion on the Inventory and forecast for the Forestry, Agriculture, and Waste Management sectors. CCS explained the assumptions and methodologies used to generate the estimates in the Inventory and Forecast. TWG members with data or other information that could improve these estimates should provide it to CCS as soon as possible to facilitate revision of the Inventory and Forecast. The Inventory and Forecast will be a key discussion item during the next meeting.
8. Input from the public was solicited by CCS. No members of the public were present.

9. CCS discussed the agenda and time for the next meeting. CCS will review comments from the CCMAG meeting on September 22. Meeting #5 of the FAW TWG is scheduled on October 1, 2008.
10. CCS has been asked by the Climate Change Sub-Cabinet to meet face-to-face with the FAW TWG. Steve Roe of CCS proposed moving FAW TWG Meeting #6 to November 5, so that he can be present at a in-person meeting of the FAW TWG, then attend the CCMAG meeting the next day. This meeting would take place in Anchorage. CCS will be soliciting input on this meeting off-line.

**Next steps and agreements:**

1. The next TWG meeting will be held on October 1, 2008 from 10:00 to 11:30 AM Alaskan Time.
2. TWG members should review at least the FAW appendices of the GHG Inventory & Forecast Report, so that issues can be discussed on the next call (available on the FAW web page).